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SUBJ: 59TH ECOSOC: CONSULTATIONS ON DEALING WITH REFERENCES TO  
CERDS AND NIEO RESOLUTIONS IN VARIOUS UN  
FORUMS

REF: A. STATE 133602; B. STATE 158347; C. VARIOUS REPLIES FROM  
POSTS

SUMMARY: INFORMAL MEETINGS HERE TO DISCUSS QUESTIONS OF CERDS  
AND NIEO REFERENCES, AS SUGGESTED IN REFTEL B, HAVE NOT EVENTUAT-  
ED, ALTHOUGH THERE IS GENERAL WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER THE MATTER  
FURTHER -- PERHAPS IN NEW YORK -- IF THE SITUATION WARRANTS. END  
SUMMARY.

1. DELEGATIONS WE APPROACHED EARLY IN THIS ECOSOC SESSION (I.E.,  
FIRST PART OF JULY) WERE INITIALLY RECEPTIVE TO MEETING INFORMAL-  
LY HERE TO DISCUSS CERDS/NIEO QUESTION, BUT GENERALLY PREFERRED  
LATTER PART OF JULY, AS SOME HAD ALREADY INDICATED IN CAPITALS.  
MOST HAD HEARD FROM THEIR CAPITALS AS RESULT DEMARCHES BY OUR EM-  
BASSIES. IN EVERY CASE WE MADE CLEAR WE WERE NOT ATTEMPTING TO  
GALVANIZE A POSITION DIRECTED AT THE CURRENT ECOSOC SESSION, BUT  
RATHER WERE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE OCCASION TO EXCHANGE VIEWS  
INFORMALLY AND PRELIMINARILY WITH RESPECT TO DEALONG WITH THE PRO-  
BLEM ON A CONTINUING BASIS.

2. ITALIAN REPRESENTATIVE, AS CURRENT PRESIDENT OF EC-9, TOLD US  
HE HAD INSTRUCTIONS TO BE HELPFUL BUT TO FIRST DISCUSS THE QUES-  
TION IN AN EC-9 MEETING HERE BEFORE GOING INTO A LARGER MEETING  
WITH THE US AND OTHERS. WE TOLD HIM WE HAD NO PROBLEM WITH THIS  
AND AT HIS REQUEST HAVE HIM MEMORANDUM TO DISTRIBUTE, ALONG THE  
LINES OF THE AIDE-MEMOIRE DELIVERED BY OUR EMBASSIES. (WE ALSO  
GAVE COPIES TO OTHERS CONCERNED.) HOWEVER, ITALIAN REP'S INTEN-  
TION OF DISCUSSING MATTER IN WEEKLY EC-9 MEETING JULY 15 DID NOT  
GO BEYOND DISTRIBUTING MEMO BECAUSE OF MORE URGENT MATTERS ON A-  
GENDA PERTAINING TO ECOSOC AND SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION, AND SUB-  
SEQUENT MEETINGS BORE SAME RESULTS. WE HAVE INFORMED OTHERS CON-  
CERNED, INDICATING THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO PUT THE POSSIBLE MEETING  
ON ICE FOR THE MEMENT BUT THAT NEW YORK MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE VEN-  
UE IF THERE WAS DISPOSITION TO PURSUE THE MATTER.

3. FROM OUR INDIVIDUAL CONVERSATIONS WITH EC-9 AND OTHER REPS  
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APPROACHED, WE GOT THE SAME RANGE OF REACTIONS GIVEN TO OUR VAR-  
IOUS EMBASSIES, ALTHOUGH WE DID NOT ATTEMPT IN MOST CASES TO GO  
INTO DETAILS OF SUGGESTIONS CONTAINED REFTEL A (AND IN OUR MEMO),  
SAVING THIS FOR THE MEETING THAT NEVER CAME OFF. SEVERAL, HOW-  
EVER, EXPRESSED PARTICULAR RESERVE OVER THE IDEAS OF A SINGLE  
SPOKESMAN AND/OR A BLANKET STATEMENT, BOTH BECAUSE OF THE RANGE  
OF POSITIONS AMONG THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED AND A FEAR THAT THIS  
MIGHT BE MISINTERPRETED BY THE G-77 AS CONFRONTATIONAL. HOWEVER,

THERE WAS A GOOD DEAL MORE INTEREST IN THE SUGGESTED RULE OF THUMB ON VOTING. IN OTHER WORDS, THERE WAS MORE INTEREST IN A UNIFORM RATHER THAN A UNIFIED APPROACH, ALTHOUGH EVEN HERE IT IS OBVIOUS THAT POSITIONS VARY A GOOD DEAL.

4. FOR THE MEMENT, OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THOSE APPROACHED -- WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE FRG -- WOULD PREFER TO LEAVE MATTERS AS THEY ARE AT LEAST FOR THE TIME BEING IN HOPE THE PROBLEM WILL REMAIN LOW-KEY BETWEEN NOW AND THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION. THIS ECOSOC SESSION, JUST CONCLUDED, HAS TENDED TO ENCOURAGE THIS LINE OF THINKING SINCE CERDS/NIEO PROBLEMS HAVE GENERALLY BEEN RESOLVED QUIETLY AND SATISFACTORILY, UNLIKE LAST YEAR AND A NUMBER OF OTHER UN MEETINGS THIS YEAR THAT WE NEED NOT LIST. THERE IS, HOWEVER, A WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER THE MATTER FURTHER IF THESE PROBLEMS SHOULD REKINDLE, AND THOSE ADDRESSING THE POSSIBILITY OF AN INFORMAL MEETING UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES SEEM TO AGREE THAT NEW YORK WOULD BE THE LOGICAL VENUE.

5. MEANWHILE, WE SUGGEST KEEPING IN TOUCH PARTICULARLY WITH THOSE WHO ARE CLOSEST TO US ON CERDS/NIEO QUESTIONS -- ESPECIALLY THE UK AND FRG. IF WE DO RETURN TO THE IDEA OF AN INFORMAL MEETING ON THIS SUBJECT, IT MIGHT BE BETTER TO START WITH A SMALLER NUCLEUS, EXPANDING FROM THERE IF THE IDEA TAKES HOLD. IN ANY EVENT, DEMARCHES MADE BY EMBASSIES IN CAPITALS AND APPROACHES WE HAVE MADE HERE HAVE SERVED USEFUL PURPOSE OF SHARPENING FOCUS AND KINDLING SOME THINKING ON THIS PROBLEM, AND HAVE LAID THE GROUNDWORK FOR WHATEVER FURTHER DISCUSSIONS THAT MAY OCCUR.

6. IF DEPARTMENT IS AGREEABLE, ACTION ADDRESSEE EMBASSIES MAY WISH TO INFORM FOREIGN MINISTRIES OF STATUS OF THIS MATTER. DALE

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